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## The Association for Sandplay Therapy

*... loving kindness, clarity & humility in the practice of Sandplay*



### Meet Jamie Straessler, STR-C NEW Sandplay Consultant

I want to thank the Association for Sandplay Therapy, particularly the outstanding board members. A huge thank you to my teacher, Dr. Barbara Turner, who has been a steadfast companion in my entire Sandplay journey. I would like to thank Eunice Stagg, for your support and encouragement. Many, many thanks to my colleague and partner in crime, Rose Harriet. I am so thrilled to be a Sandplay Consultant.

I have a Bachelor's degree in Psychology and a Master's degree in counseling. I am a Registered Play Therapist- Supervisor with extensive training in Experiential Play Therapy. I have a private practice in Buffalo, Wyoming, in the United States, working primarily with children. I have been in private practice

for ten years and prior to that, was an elementary school counselor for six years. I began my Sandplay education in 2011 at Dr. Barbara Turner's two-week training, returning seven months later for two more weeks. Dr. Turner's trainings were the start to my Sandplay journey and was truly life changing. My Sandplay experience has developed through personal process, education, supervision, and consultation. I learned that mastering Sandplay comes not from reaching a destination but through the journey itself. Sandplay has opened so many new paths for me and for my clients and has brought me into a global fellowship I enjoy.

My husband and I reside on a rural property with our three elementary-aged children. We enjoy tending to our small hobby farm which includes dogs, cats, chickens, sheep, horses, and a pot belly pig named Polly. I love to spend time outdoors gardening, hiking, and adventuring with my children.

It would bring me great joy to be a part of your journey. You can contact me for supervision at [jamiestraessler@gmail.com](mailto:jamiestraessler@gmail.com).

### Symbolism of ... PIGS! (An homage to Polly)

As a spirit animal, the pig means you are about to experience a bloom in your life. Note that this bloom doesn't only mean monetary gain, as there are many aspects of life and the pig is aware of them all. Because of the pig's earth-bound nature, most of

these good fortunes also relate to the earth and its fruits.

The pig also imparts a wisdom that most people would do well to learn today: generosity. The pig may experience continuous abundance, but they are no scrooges and neither are they hoarders. They share the wealth and the happiness to those around them. Anyone who has owned a pig as a pet would know this! YES! This is the REAL Miss Polly Pig!!!



## Sandplay Collection for Sale in USA



I am selling this very complete set, plus the tray on a rolling table with lid and several textbooks. I have numerous people of several ethnicities and ages, animals large and small, household goods, spiritual and religious symbols and figures, flowers, fauna, greenery, rocks, houses, caves, bonfire, any many more. I have more than 12 plastic shoe-box-sized containers and 5 large plastic bins of items. I also have photographs of these when they were set up in my former office. Below is a picture of some of the items before I had finished completing the set. When completed all of the top shelves were filled with items and the baskets at the bottom were filled with flora

and fauna and rocks and gems of various sizes.

The cost, including the tray, lid, rolling table on casters, and the 12+ boxes of miniatures, is \$1,500. I live in Connecticut, so anyone in NY, NJ, or New England might be able to take advantage of this offer.

If interested, please contact Dr. Reeves directly.

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